which they choose to watch. As such, the total subscription amount would vary depending upon the number of pay channels chosen by each viewer and on the rate of local taxes of the State concerned.

(c) There is no agency designated by Government to provide the STB. Cable Operators, MSOs, equipment manufacturers etc. may provide Set Top Boxes to the subscribers.

(d) Four applications for providing DTH service have been received and are under process.

(e) DTH and cable networks are two different modes of delivery of content. CAS is a more cost-effective mode of delivery, while DTH provides premium service and is more effective in remote areas. Both the services can co-exist.

LTP and STP in Orissa

84. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LTP and STP already functioning in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have made any survey of the LTP and STP required to cover all the districts of the State; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to put LTP in Jajpur Road, Panikoili and Chandikhol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) 95 TV transmitters (HPTs-7, LPTs-68, VLPTs-20) and 14 Radio transmitters (LPTs-9, HPTs-5) are presently functioning in the State of Orissa.

(b) 93.3% and 98.8% of population of Orissa is covered, terrestrially by TV and All India Radio service respectively. However, in the satellite mode the entire country is covered by Doordarshan signals. In the10th Five Year Plan Doordarshan proposes to cover the uncovered pockets through satellite transmission in Ku-band, whereas AIR has planned setting up of 5 KW FM Tr. at Deogarh and Parlakimidi to cover uncovered pockets in Malkangiri, Deogarh and Gajapati Districts.

(c) No, Sir.